WHAT WE CLAIM ARE:

1.　　　　　A recording/reproducing mixer, comprising:

a recording/reproducing device that records and/or reproduces a plurality of audio signals in/from a plurality of tracks;

5　　　　　a track selector that selects a track of said recording/reproducing device;

a reader that reads audio signals of the selected track of said recording/reproducing device;

a mixing device that mixes the read audio signals;

10　　　　　a designator that designates a listening mode; and

an output controller that outputs the read audio signals bypassing said mixing device when the listening mode is designated, and outputs the read audio signals via said mixing device when the listening mode is not designated.

15　2.　　　　　A recording/reproducing mixer according to claim 1, further comprising a read starting position designator that designates a read starting position of audio signals,

wherein said reader starts reading from a position designated by said read starting position designator.

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3.　　　　　A recording/reproducing mixer according to claim 1, further comprising a position memory that memorizes a read starting position immediately before an operation mode is changed to the listening mode,

wherein said reader starts reading audio signals starting at the read

25　starting position memorized in said position memory, after the listening mode is terminated.

4.   A recording/reproducing mixing method for a mixer having a recording/reproducing device that records and reproduces a plurality of audio signals in/from a plurality of tracks, the method comprising the steps of:

5   (a) selecting a track of the recording/reproducing device;

(b) reading audio signals of the selected track of said recording/reproducing device;

(c) mixing the read audio signals;

(d) designating a listening mode; and

10   (e) outputting the read audio signals bypassing said mixing device when the listening mode is designated, and outputting the read audio signals via said mixing device when the listening mode is not designated.

5.   A storage medium storing a program, which a computer executes to

15 realize a recording/reproducing mixing process for a mixer having a recording/reproducing device that records and reproduces a plurality of audio signals in/from a plurality of tracks, the process comprising the instructions of:

(a) selecting a track of the recording/reproducing device;

(b) reading audio signals of the selected track of said

20 recording/reproducing device;

(c) mixing the read audio signals;

(d) designating a listening mode; and

(e) outputting the read audio signals bypassing said mixing device when the listening mode is designated, and outputting the read audio signals via

25 said mixing device when the listening mode is not designated.